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SUBJECT: DIPLOMATIC REACTION TO EMERGENCY MEASURES

1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR TOLD CHARGE THAT FONMIN KIM MADE FOLLOWING POINTS WHEN HE INFORMED AMBASSADOR USHIROKU ON JANUARY 8 OF EMERENGCY MEASURES. KIM SID THAT MEASURES WERE:

A. LIMITED TO CONTROL OF ANTI-CONSTITUTIONAL MOVEMENT BUT WOULD NOT AFFECT OTHER TRENDS TOWARD LIBERALIZATION, AND,

B. MEASURES WERE MEANT TO GET CONTROL OF THE GROWING ANTI-CONSTITUTIONAL TREND AT AN EARLY STAGE IN ORDER TO AVOID LATER POSSIBLE LARGE SCALE TURBULENCE AND BLOODSHED.

2. KIM REQUESTED THAT THE GOJ BEAR IN MIND THAT ROKG ACTION STRICTLY DOMESTIC MATTER. FURTHER EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ANY GOJ PUBLIC REACTION WOULD BE "ALONG LINES" FOLLOWED BY USG DURING 1972 YUSHIN PERIOD WHEN KIM AVERRED USG SAID IT WOULD MAKE "NO COMMENT ON DOMESTIC AFFAIRS." KIM ALSO SIAD INFORMALLY TO USHIROKU THAT EMERGENCY
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MEASURES WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR ROKG TO DEAL WTIH ANTI-

JAPANESE SENTIMENTS AND ACTIVITIES.

3. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR SAID THAT IN REPORTING BACK TO TOKYO, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT GOJ SHOULD CONTINUE TO DEAL IN FRIENDLY AND CLOSE FASHION WITH THE "LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT HERE" BUT ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT FROM NOW ON JAPANESE EMBASSY SHOULD INTENSIFY AND EXPAND ITS CONTRACTS WITH OTHER POLITICALLY IMPORTANT ELEMENTS IN THE ROK SOCIETY.

AUSTRALIAN EMBOFF HAS TOLD US THAT WHEN INFORMED BY MOFA VICE MINISTER YUN OF EMERGENCY MEASURES, AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED FOR HIS COMMENT. THE AMBASSADOR RESPONDED SIMPLY THAT KOREA'S OUTSIDE FRIENDS WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND THE NEED FOR THESE MEASURES.

5. ON OTHER HAND, VIETNAMESE AMBASSADOR SAID HE HAD TOLD FONMIN THAT EMERGENCY MEASURES WERE CLEARLY JUSTIFIED.
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